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Re: Letter dated June 8, 2005, regarding August Monthly Report (7/1/04-7/31/04)

Dear Mr. Ryan:

On behalf my client, the Republican Party of Louisiana ("the Party"), I am writing in response to the Commission's letter dated June 8, 2005, regarding the Party's August Monthly Report (7/1/04-7/31/04). Although the Commission's letter concerns disclosures listed in the Party's amended July Monthly Report (6/1/04-6/30/04), which the Commission received on August 20, 2004, and the August Monthly Report, it is important to note that the Party filed additional amendments to both of these reports on May 26, 2005.

First, the Commission requested that the Party clarify its cash-on-hand reporting for the July and August Monthly Reports. Prior to the Commission's request letter, the Party submitted its May 26, 2005, amendments, which listed:

" A \$29,297.36 cash-on-hand balance for the close of the July Monthly reporting period (6/1/04-6/30/04).

" A \$29,297.36 cash-on-hand balance for the beginning August Monthly reporting period (7/1/04-7/31/04).

" Identical cash-on-hand balances of \$68,286.77 for the August Monthly Report's monthly reporting period (Column A) and calendar year-to-date reporting period (Column B).

The Party will furnish additional amendments to reflect the proper cash-on-hand balances for subsequent reporting periods.

Second, the Commission requested that the Party amend its August Monthly Report to include additional information on Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) about the purposes for disbursements to various vendors. Although the original report lists the purposes for each disbursement in the "Activity or Event Identifier" category, the amended August Monthly Report, submitted on May 26, 2005, corrects this oversight. Therefore, the Party's amendment complies with the Commission's Schedule H4 reporting standards.

Third, the Commission requested a clarification of the term "Professional Services," which the Party used to describe disbursements listed on Schedule H4 of its original August Monthly Report. The Party's report listed two disbursements with this description:

" A \$2,500.00 payment to Heather Doss on July 15, 2004. The Party's accompanying amendment explains that the purpose of this disbursement was "event planning."

" A \$90.00 payment to Innovative Systems on July 21, 2004. The Party's accompanying amendment to this report explains that the purpose for this disbursement was "computer services."

Finally, the Commission has asked the Party to clarify all expenditures made for "Facility Rental and Facility Rental-Vic 2004" on Schedule B and Schedule H of the original August Monthly Report.

" On Schedule B, the Party's report listed a \$2,750 payment to 401 Veterans Limited on July 20, 2004. The purpose of the disbursement was listed as a "Facility Rental-Vic 2004." In response to the Commission's request, the Party has amended the purpose of disbursement to clarify that the payment was for an office rental. The Party did not rent the office on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate.

" On Schedule H4, the Party's report listed a \$1,286 payment to Jacquin Grand Children, LLC on July 6, 2004. The

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purpose of the disbursement was listed as a "Facility Rental." In response to the Commission's request, the Party has amended the purpose of disbursement to clarify that the payment was for an office rental. The Party did not rent the office on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate.

" On Schedule H4, the Party's report listed a \$44 payment to The Storage Center on July 14, 2004. The purpose of the disbursement was listed as a "Facility Rental." In response to the Commission's request, the Party has amended the purpose of disbursement to clarify that the payment was for office storage rental. The Party did not rent the storage space on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate.

" On Schedule H4, the Party's report listed a \$1,925 payment to R&C Properties, LLC on July 21, 2004. The purpose of the disbursement was listed as a "Facility Rental." In response to the Commission's request, the Party has amended the purpose of disbursement to clarify that the payment was for an office rental. The Party did not rent the office on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate.

If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 756-8003.

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